

Family Devotional

From October 30, 2016

Play: "True or False?" with these facts about water.

- At birth, water accounts for approximately 50% of an infant's body weight.¹ False: it accounts for 80%
- Water dissolves more substances than any other liquid.¹ True
- The average person in the United States uses anywhere from 80-100 gallons of water per day. Flushing the toilet actually takes up the largest amount of this water.¹ True

Water is extremely important and necessary for life! Let's read a passage that talks about water. There is a lot of imagery in this passage so you might want to get your art supplies and draw a picture or two of what you hear.

Read: **Ezekiel 47:1-12**

Reflect: Share your picture and explain it to the group.

What other Bible stories do you remember that include water?

blood are just a few.

others being baptized, Moses floating down the Nile as a baby, the water of the Nile being turned to

Jesus walking on water, Jesus turning water into wine, Jesus calms the winds and the waves, Jesus and

We also see water being used as a symbol for our hearts being washed clean and made right before God.

Read: **John 4:7-15**

Just like Jesus offered the woman at the well "living water", He also offer us eternal life!

What is the difference between living water and "dead" water? What would the two look like?

One major difference is that living water is always on the move. It has a source of water flowing into it and then it flows into another source. What would happen if water only flowed into the river and the water never went anywhere? What about if water only flowed out, what would eventually happen?

We are created to be just like living water. When we tell Jesus we believe in Him and want Him to be a part of our lives, He becomes our source flowing into us. Then, when we tell others how much He loves them, it flows from us. When we stay connected to Jesus through the Bible and prayer, He continues to flow into us. The more He flows in, the more we have to give to others!

Remember: Work together as a family to memorize/meditate on **John 7:38** this week.

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond: "Dear Jesus, thank you for offering me eternal life! Help me stay connected to you and share your love with others.....Amen."

¹ <http://allaboutwater.org/water-facts.html>